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New York District

MONTAUK POINT, NY

Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction

FACT SHEET

DESCRIPTION: The Montauk Point study area, including the historic lighthouse, is located on a bluff at the eastern end of the southern fork of Long Island in the Town of East Hampton, Suffolk County, NY. It is approximately 125 miles east of New York City. The Point separates the Atlantic Ocean to the south from the Block Island Sound to the north. The lighthouse is the focal point of the facilities of the Montauk Point Coast Guard Station and acts as a junction marker for ships headed for New York Harbor or Long Island Sound. The area surrounding the lighthouse is operated as a State park and is used primarily by fishermen and sightseers.

The Montauk Point Lighthouse was commissioned by President Washington and completed in 1796. It is included in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). Since its construction, the lighthouse has served as an important navigation aid for the first land encountered by ships headed for New York Harbor and Long Island Sound, as well as other ports on the eastern seaboard. Its original position was approximately 300 feet from the eastern tip of Long Island, but the combined forces of storm induced erosion and long term constant erosion now leave less than 75 feet of land in front of the structure. The entire State park, which surrounds the Coast Guard property and the lighthouse, is being increasingly threatened by the loss of protective beach front land.

AUTHORIZATION: The Montauk Point study is authorized by a resolution of the Committee on the Environment and Public Works of the United States Senate, adopted 15 May 1991. The potential recommended plan of improvement, identified in the reconnaissance phase, entails the placement of a 770 foot long stone revetment to cover the most critically eroding area of Montauk Point.

STATUS: A reconnaissance report was completed in February 1993. A project study plan was developed and coordinated with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, and a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement was signed in April 2000. The feasibility study is underway and will seek to develop improvement plans to ascertain the most suitable solution for the erosion problem. In FY 2002, specific protection alternatives will be developed based upon screening of preliminary alternatives. The feasibility study is scheduled to be completed in October 2003.

PROJECT COST:

Estimated Federal Cost	\$450,000
Estimated Non-Federal Cost	\$450,000
Total	<hr/> \$900,000

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